

Young Co-eds Store
Two North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-401
C1880

This building, once called the Daylight Building, and its neighbor Four North Washington Street, were both constructed after Easton's big fire of 1878. Box-like structures with flat roofs, they have regularly spaced openings and wooden pierced-work cornices. A three story building, Two North Washington once had a narrow balcony with elegant cast balustrade on the second floor, Washington Street. Its upper floors were used as apartments.

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T 401

Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Daylight Building

AND/OR COMMON

Young Coed

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

#2 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edward J. and Phyllis M. Gordon

Telephone #: 301-822-2151

STREET & NUMBER

623 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 453

Folio #: 510

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

T-401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story brick building stands at the northeast corner of Washington and Dover Streets in the commercial district of Washington Street, across from the Talbot County Court House Square. It is adjacent to a very similiar row building, #4 North Washington (T-402); at the rear it is connected to a simple two story brick addition of little architectural interest.

The structure is two bays wide on Washington Street and four bays deep on Dover Street. The two facades have identical cornice and window trim on the second and third floors. The building now houses a clothing store, Young Coed; the ground floor has a modern store front on both facades. The main entrance, also modern, is at the corner. It has a flat roof which slopes gently to the rear.

The windows are evenly spaced. Their beaded narrow trim holds two over two sashes on all windows. Plain wooden sills are set flush with the brick wall surface; there is a flat arch above each window. Louvered shutters once flanked the windows, according to old photographs. The trim is painted white.

The first floor has been stuccoed and painted white. There is a large shop window on both sides and a corner entrance with round-arch doorways. The two story addition on Dover Street also has a white succoed ground floor. It has replacement casement windows, irregularly spaced, on the second floor and an A-roof.

The dark-orange brick of this building is laid in common bond with narrow mortar joints. These bricks, typical of the smooth, hard machine-made brick so favored at the end of the nineteenth century, may also be seen in #4 North Washington Street (T-402) and the Tred Avon Building at #7-11 South Washington (T-2).

The chief decorative feature remaining on this building is the delicate, pierced-work cornice. Supported by fluted wooden bracketts, the cornice projects boldly from the surface of the building creating a strong termination to the wall and emphasizing the skyline. The pierce work is delicate and geometric, harmonizing well with the detail of the earlier Federal buildings on the street. This cornice, of a type common in Easton and other parts of Maryland, has the brick of the wall surface exposed in the position of the frieze.

This building was once far more attractive than it is now; when constructed it fronted on Washington Street and this facade was elegantly treated. The store front as seen in old pictures was primarily of glass with a center entrance flanked by showcases. A narrow balcony projected at the second floor. The balcony was supported by decorative wooden bracketts. The balastrade, probably of cast iron, had a delicate geometric appearance. It was similiar to the one now in place at #28 South Washington Street (T-5).

Number 2 North Washington Street was originally used as a shop on the first floor with apartments above. Little remains of the original interior; a simple marble mantle in one of the second floor rooms facing Washington indicates that this may have been used as a living room.

The present store, Young Coed, uses the upper floors for storage and office space. The first floor of the addition has been connected to the main building with a wide opening.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, once called the Daylight Building, and its neighbor #4 North Washington Street, are examples of the type of brick commercial building constructed in the decade after the fire of 1878. Although not burned in this fire, these buildings replaced earlier Federal type buildings which once stood on this site. Together they are an expression of the movement towards taller, more asymmetrical buildings which characterized buildings of the late nineteenth century. These buildings, constructed after 1878 but before 1885, retain the flat box-like quality of their Federal neighbors but have lost the A-roof. Instead their roofs slope gently to the rear and the cornice forms a strong silhouette against the sky.

Number two North Washington stands on the land originally granted to Francis Armstrong of Londonderry. The land passed through a series of owners, including Margaret Hayward one of the four sisters who were heirs of George Robins; apparently it was not built upon until after 1782. Dr. Theodore Denny is cited as having occupied an office in a brick building on the site after that date. It may be the 2½ story, 2 bay building seen in pictures before 1878. This building has an A-roof and at least one dormer facing Washington Street. The iron ballustrade described above may be the same one seen in the photograph of this earlier building.

L453/F510 In 1971, Edward J. Gordon and his wife Phyliss bought this little store at the northeast corner of Dover and Washington Streets from Ronald N. Fox. There is a frontage of 18 feet on Washington St. and 70 feet on Dover St. Ronald Fox had acquired the store from Essie E. Fox, his widowed mother, in 1965. She had bought it the previous year, 1964, from Carl E. Windmiller who had taken title to it in 1946 from Cora W. Riley. Many local residents will remember when it was run as Riley's Restaurant. Previous owners were Alice Woodall and a long inheritance from Elizabeth Lynch to Kate Will Rec. * Griffith and to John Griffith.

L399/F321 Elizabeth Lynch bought the property in 1867, from Mary Stewart for \$5000.00. At this time the premises included a brick store house and dwelling house. Margaret Stewart paid \$1100.00 in 1852 for the land and buildings from I. C. W. Powell and his wife Lucy. The property at the time the town was laid out in 1789, was owned by Peter Denny. At that time there was a brick house, lot and premises. His purchase in *L18/F386

L377/F604

L270/F446

L66/F475

Will Rec. F12

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L23/F316
L2/F291
L2/F75

1788 from Joseph Neale was the same area that Richard Bruff had formerly bought from William Hayward in 1782 and Bruff sold to Neale in 1785. Peter Denny's will, in 1821, speaks of a brick house at the corner of Dover and Washington Sts., at that time rented to Nicholas Layton. The property was damaged in the fire of 1855 and rebuilt after the fire of 1878.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

NA

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

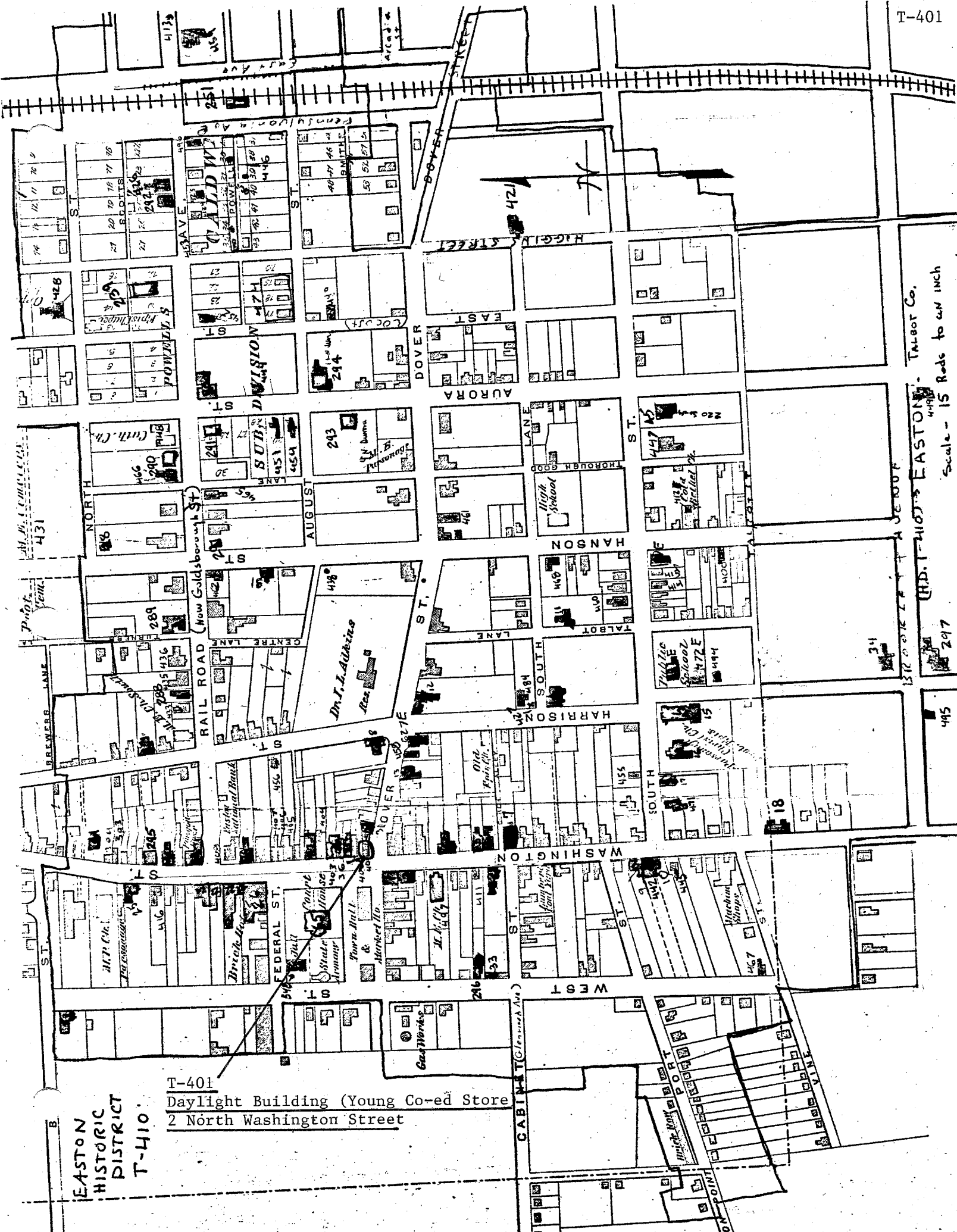
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T-410

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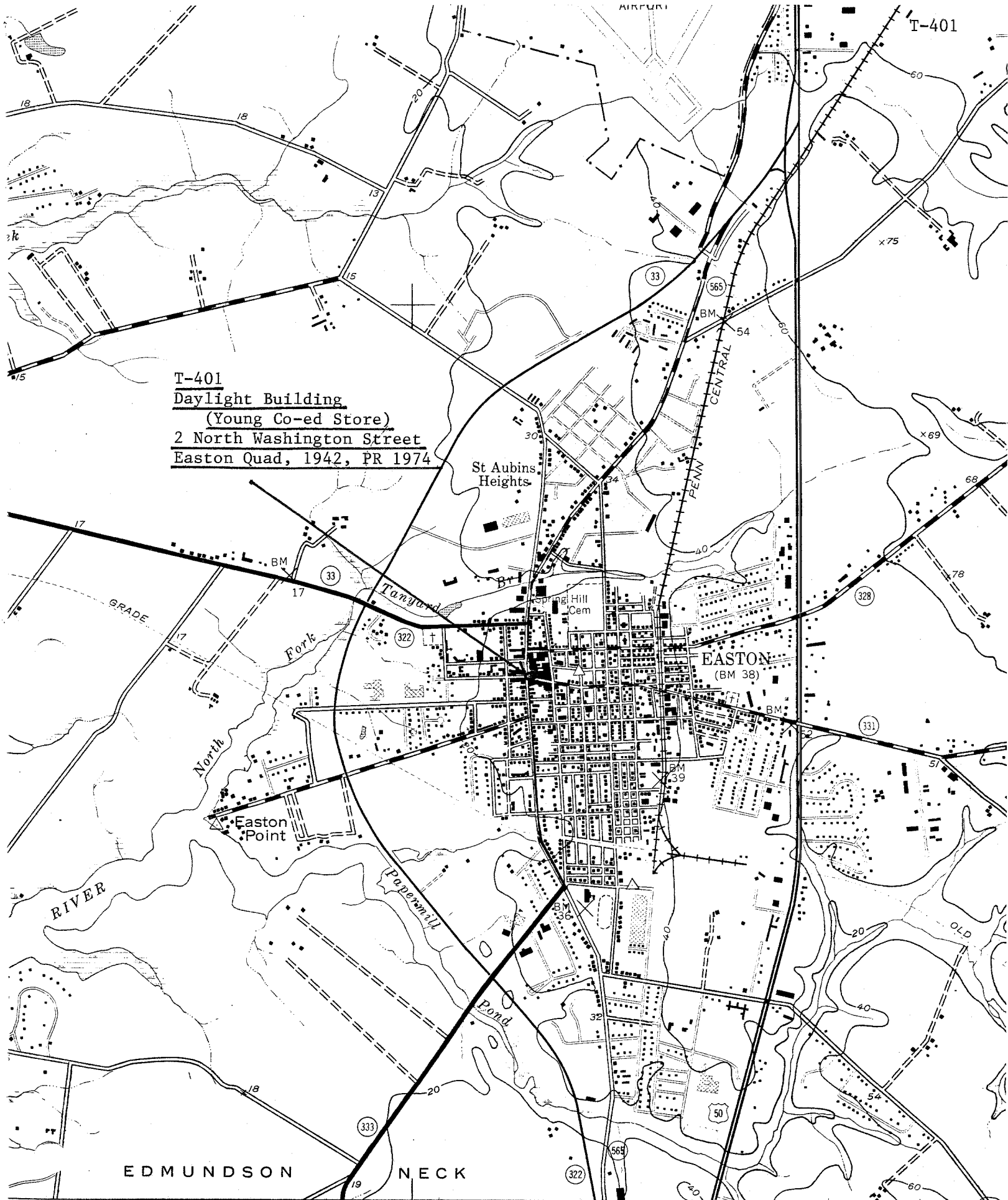
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 2 North Washington Street
 Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



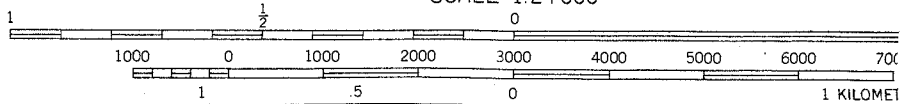
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North Washington Street, looking north from the corner Dover St.
Easton, Md

July 1976

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